

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION ACTION MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
MARCH 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Peterson read the OPMA Statement into the record as follows:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

This meeting of the Fairfield Township Committee shall come to order. The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meeting of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests are discussed or acted upon. This meeting held on this 1st day of March 2023 via teleconference is held pursuant to notice having been submitted to The South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal, and The Press of Atlantic City on January 5, 2023 and duly posted on the Township website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF PRAYER

Deputy Mayor Peterson led the flag salute followed by a moment of prayer.

ROLL CALL

The following roll call was recorded as follows:

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman, present; Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr., present and Deputy Mayor Mike Peterson.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Committeeman Tommy Clark, Jr. and Mayor Marvin Pierce, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

Township Administrator Michael Burden, Township Solicitor Albert K. Marmero and Township Clerk Linda M. Gonzales.

Deputy Mayor Peterson asked the Township Committee if they had any questions on the Regular Action minutes of February 15, 2023. There being none, Deputy Mayor Peterson entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REGULAR ACTION SESSION MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to approve the minutes as written seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes and Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes.

REVIEW OF BILL LIST PROVIDED BY CFO

Deputy Mayor Peterson asked the Township Committee if they had any questions and or conflicts on the bill list provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. entered his conflict on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated. There being no further questions and or conflicts, Deputy Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 65 - 2023 into the record and entertained a motion to adopt.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 65 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TOWNSHIP BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,450.72

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to adopt Resolution No. 65 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes, but abstain on payable #00031 to South State, Incorporated and Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING)

None

PROCLAMATION / DON EVERETT TAYLOR

Deputy Mayor Peterson announced that a proclamation in Memory of the recent passing of former Township Committeeman & Mayor Don Everett Taylor will be provided to the family. A motion was entertained by Deputy Mayor Peterson to approve the proclamation.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved to approve seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes and Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes.

Deputy Mayor Peterson read Resolution No. 66 - 2023 and Resolution No. 67 - 2023 into the record and asked the Township Committee if they had any questions. There being none, Deputy Mayor Peterson entertained a motion to approve both Resolutions as Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 66 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF STREET OPENING PERMIT(S) TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS COMPANY
PERMIT NO. 2 - 2023 / INSTALLATION OF GAS MAIN / THOMAS DRIVE/CENTERLINE TO 670' SOUTH C/L OF FAIRTON-GOULD TOWN ROAD

RESOLUTION NO. 67 - 2023

A RESOLUTION OF FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIRING A PART TIME PUBLIC WORKS CONVENIENCE CENTER EMPLOYEE
On a motion by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. to approve the above Resolutions by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 66 - 2023 through Resolution No. 67 - 2023 seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes and Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT / REMARKS

Deputy Mayor Peterson thanked the public for attending and listening in tonight's meeting. Deputy Mayor Peterson stated the public's attendance is very crucial and very important to the Township and really appreciates their time spent with the Township Committee and to continue to protect yourselves as the weather is starting to wind down and changing and try to keep COVID away.

COMMITTEE REPORTS / REMARKS

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. echoed the same remarks and thanked Deputy Mayor Peterson for doing a great job.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman had to report or remarks to make at this time.

Deputy Mayor Peterson read the Public Comment on Current Agenda Items & Non-Agenda Items into the record as follows:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

In order for the Committee to conduct the business of the Township in the most productive manner possible, meeting attendees will be given five (5) minutes, all-inclusive to comment on any agenda item(s) without comment or question from the Committee and any non-agenda items including all dialogue, questions, and responses from both the speaker and the Committee for the designated public portion of the meeting. There may be no transference of a speaker's time to other attendees. At the appropriate time, please state your name and address for the record.

Deputy Mayor Peterson entertained a motion to open Public Comment on Current Agenda & Non-Agenda Items.

Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. moved seconded by Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes and Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes.

Hearing no comments, Deputy Mayor Peterson entertained a motion to close Public Comment on Current Agenda & Non-Agenda Items.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote; Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes and Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

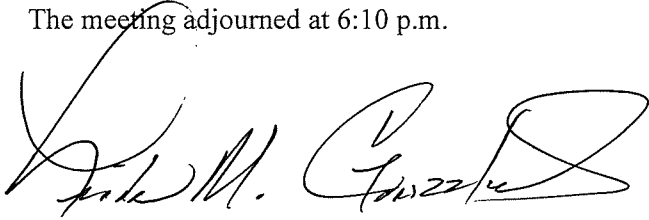
AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, Deputy Mayor Peterson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Committeeman Stephen M. Bateman moved seconded by Committeeman Benjamin Byrd, Sr. Roll Call Vote: Committeeman Bateman, yes; Committeeman Byrd, yes and Deputy Mayor Peterson, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda M. Gonzales". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "G".

Linda M. Gonzales, RMC
Township Clerk